

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the above identified application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated 1/26/05 the Examiner rejected all of the pending claims 1-8. The Office Action and the references cited therein have been carefully considered and this amendment is now presented in an effort to advance prosecution of the application.

The Examiner rejected all the claims under 35 USC 102 as anticipated by DE 1926441.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations in claims 2 and 3. These limitations are also described in paragraph 24 of the Specification as originally filed.

Thus, all the elements in Claim 1, for example, are not taught or suggested in the cited references, either singly or in combination. For example, there is no teaching or suggestion in DE 1926441 that "the pivot link is mounted between a first tube and a second tube and the arresting element is a hollow cylinder slidably positioned to slide on one of the first and second tubes" as now set forth in Claim 1, as amended. Furthermore, the arresting element of DE 1926441 (identified as 15 in Figure 5) does not "enclose" the pivot link, as claimed in claim 1.

It is therefore believed that the rejection of all the claims should be withdrawn and that this application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is respectfully requested.

Any fees or charges due as a result of filing of the present communication may be charged against Deposit Account 04-0525.

Respectfully,



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